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[English]

### **Session of Indian History Congress**

3335. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether 52nd Session of the Indian History Congress was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the States and Union Territories represented in that Congress;

(c) whether some controversy over issue of membership of Congress had taken place;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the objectives of holding such Congress;

(f) whether Government proposes to resolve the issue of membership of Indian History Congress;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (h). According to information furnished by Indian History Congress, in pursuance of its objective of promoting and encouraging the scientific study of Indian History, the Congress held at 52nd Session in Delhi from 21-23rd February, 1992. It was attended by over 1700 delegates drawn from different parts of the Country and a few from abroad. All the States and Union Territories were represented at the Congress.

Government is aware of newspaper reports on the proceedings of the Session. However, the Indian History Congress is a voluntary organisation of historians which manages its own affairs.

[Translation]

### **Reply to letters from M.P.s**

3336. SHRI RAM SAGAR:  
SHRI ARJUN SINGH  
YADAV:  
SHRI RAJNATH  
SONKAR SHASTRI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of letters received by his Ministry from the members of Parliament during August-December 1991;

(b) the number of letters out of these acknowledged and replied; and

(c) the reasons for not considering the remaining letters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALIKARJUN): (a) 7,935.

(b) 4,686.

(c) All letters addressed to the Ministers of Railways are considered and replies issued, if called for, on receipt of information as necessary from the Zonal Railways and other field units.

[English]

### **Popularising of Condoms**

3337. SHRI NARAIN SINGH CHAUDHURY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries are popularising condoms for use by women; and

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARADEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) Various types of female condoms are being developed in the USA and some European Countries.

(b) Two out of three types of female condoms under development are loose sheaths that fit inside the vagina and the other is a latex panty with a built in condom. These products are under trials in these countries and are likely to be approved and available in some of these countries shortly. The Indian Council of Medical Research has been requested for undertaking trials of female condoms in India.

#### **Admission of Students in Schools**

3338. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to admit students in model/composite schools in Delhi by lottery system;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether this scheme is likely to be introduced in aided schools also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration has decided to provide admission to the students of first standard by lottery system in the composite model

schools from the academic session 1992-93, as the Delhi Administration felt that students should not be subjected to tests to this stage.

(c) and (d). No, Sir. It would not be proper to impose such a system on the aided schools, which are run by private trusts and societies.

#### **Vacancy of Teachers in Andaman & Nicobar Islands**

3339. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are inadequate teachers in the Senior Secondary schools in Andaman & Nicobar islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof, subject-wise;

(c) whether some schools teachers have been transferred to Andaman & Nicobar Islands and they are not yet joined their duties; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (d). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Youth Hostels in Rajasthan**

3340. SHRIMATI KRISHNENDRA KAUR (DEEPA): Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth hostels at present in Rajasthan along with their locations;